

Letters home this week: ALL - Christmas Panto, Data Collection Sheets

What's on in school after half term:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y5 - Planetarium Y3,4 - Embody Dance Y1,2 - Top Score Y4,5 - Keyboard Y3,4 - Painting Library - 3.05	Y2 - Police Visit Pine - Swimming KS2 - Choir Y1,2 - Aston Villa Y2,3 - Kapla Y3,4 - Forest Schools	Yr 3,4 - Look What I Have Made	Y5 Class Assembly Y3,4 - Top Score Y6 - Ukelele Y5,6 - Cooking Club	R - Grandparents Lunch Children In Need Oak - Swimming Y2-6 - Musical Theatre Library - 3.05

REMINDER : Please remember your child can wear a small Pudsey item on Friday.

Communication and Parental Consultation

Birchwood is a very busy and vibrant school, just as we like it, with lots of interesting and exciting things going on. Ensuring we keep everyone informed and up to date with 'All Things Birchwood' is a constant challenge, but a challenge that we rise to. We use many methods of communicating with stakeholders, dependent on the information we are trying to share and whom we are sharing it with.

Face to face communication with parents and children is very important to us. All of our staff try to make themselves as available as possible to talk to parents. As I am sure you can appreciate, this is more difficult to do during school hours, but we always encourage parents to arrange meetings with staff if they need to speak with them, to leave a telephone message, so that staff can ring them back after school has finished, or to use our 'Birchwood Parents' email address. We also encourage regular communication between home and school via 'Me to You', school emails, letters, text messages, reading diaries, and medical forms.

This week, all of our parents have had the opportunity to talk to their children's class teacher about their progress in school via a traditional face to face parents evening or a zoom call. The vast majority of parents took the opportunity to book out a time slot this week and conversations with staff have been very positive. Teaching staff have asked me to pass on their thanks for all the kind messages of support they received this week.

Throughout the year, we timetable regular opportunities to report to parents regarding progress children are making in school. We send out interim report slips in the autumn and spring terms and follow these up with Parents Evening appointments. We also write a full end of year report and invite parents into school for a 'Show and Share' event, to celebrate children's learning and all that they have achieved.

Our school newsletter 'The Birchwood Bugle' is sent home weekly to all parents via email and as a paper copy. This is also available to view on our school website. This provides up to date information about school and events that are running, as well as showcasing some of the excellent work completed in school. To support our newsletter, each year group also sends out regular tweets using our Twitter page, sharing some of our 'Rich Opportunities and Memorable Experiences'.

We will continue to do our best to communicate effectively with all stakeholders at school and to share all the exciting things that we get up to at Birchwood. We are very proud of our school and all that our children achieve and we love to share this with our parents and our local community.

Mr Coleman – Headteacher



TIME FOR PARENT'S EVENING!

All photographs can be purchased for £3 per A4 colour copy.

Spotlight this week is ...

Team Birchwood

Partnership between parents and school is vital and a key part of this is our work with Team Birchwood. This fantastic and dedicated group of parents and teachers meet regularly, planning for events such as the forthcoming Christmas Fair.

The proceeds of all the events go towards a variety of projects within school. Team Birchwood kindly support the funding of our annual book for every child across school at the end of the autumn term. They have also funded a part of the trim trails on both the Upper and Lower school playgrounds.

This fundraising can not happen without the ongoing support of parents, not only in attending the family events throughout the year but also in volunteering to help at events. If you feel you would be able to give some time to help at any events, even if just for a short time, then please get in touch with Team Birchwood by emailing them at tbps2619@welearn365.com.

We hope you are all able to share your support for our school by attending our Christmas Fair if you are able to.

Mrs Day

Associate Headteacher

Children in Need - Friday November 19th

2021



Hi everyone,

This is the school council and we would like to tell you about our plans for Children in Need Day this year. For a suggested donation of £1, we would like to have a Pudsey Colouring competition. Each class will be given a mindful moment of 30 minutes during the day for individuals to complete their entry. The school council will choose a winner from each class who will win a prize. Although it will be a uniform day as normal, you can wear a small Pudsey item such as a badge, socks or Pudsey ears if you have them to bring a splash of Pudsey to the day.

We look forward to judging all the brilliant colouring entries and hope everyone enjoys raising some money for a great charity.

Thank you for your support.

The School Council.



Registering for School

Parents can now apply for Primary school places. The deadline for **Primary school applications** for reception places is **15th January 2022**.



Pants



Privates are private

Be clear with your child that the parts of their body covered by underwear are private. Explain to your child that no one should ask to see or touch their private parts or ask them to look at or touch anyone else's. Sometimes doctors, nurses or family members might have to. Explain that this is OK, but that those people should always explain why, and ask your child if it is OK first.

Next week 'A'

TBPS NEWS



Thank you for all of your donations so far, please keep them coming - the fair would not run without them. The fair would also not run without the volunteers who help set up and run the stalls on the day. We need more volunteers, so if you can help for an hour or two in the afternoon to set up or in the evening, running a stall, please get in touch at tbps2619@welearn365.com. Thank you.

Next week is Jingle Jars! Please take them into the classrooms so teachers can record how many have been handed in. The class with the most Jingle Jars will win a festive tea party.

We are still looking for raffle prizes and would be grateful for any business owners who could donate a prize, so please ask your employer.

Christmas card orders have now been placed and we hope to have them back by the beginning of December."

The Start of the School Day

An ordered and prompt start to the school day is extremely important for primary aged pupils. Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are asked to be accompanied to school by their parents. Until the school day starts, **parents are responsible** for their children's behaviour and well-being. We ask parents to walk with their children and if possible hold their hands.

Pupils in Years 3 to 6 are able to make their own way to their classes. We ask that pupils do not arrive at school before 8:30am. Parents are welcome to accompany their children if they wish, but they do not have to.

The start of our school day is a very calm and orderly affair, but a great deal goes on and every single minute is optimised. As soon as children enter school, they hang their coats and bags up and place lunch boxes into trolleys. Children then enter the classroom and will often have a warm up activity on the whiteboard, or at their desk, which they start without further instruction from their teachers. These activities range from a mental maths puzzle, or a short piece of writing, or some reading and responding to feedback. Sometimes these activities consist of children improving a piece of work from the previous day or even answering a direct question from the teacher's marking. Whilst the children do this, we take an attendance register and find out their lunch choice for the day.

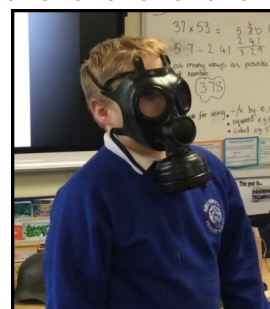
Before 9.00am, office staff will have followed up most unexplained absences, hence the great importance of parents informing the school of any absence by 8.30am using the answer phone. In the classroom, the teacher will have explained the work for the day, discussed groups and allocated children to teaching assistants.

Children's lateness is extremely rare, but when it occurs it makes life difficult for the school and for the child. Apart from the difficulty caused by needing to open up registers, re-explain the tasks for the day (all of which stops staff from working with other children), the 'late child' also starts the day feeling 'left out' and 'out of sorts'. Being late for school means children are disadvantaged for the remainder of the day.

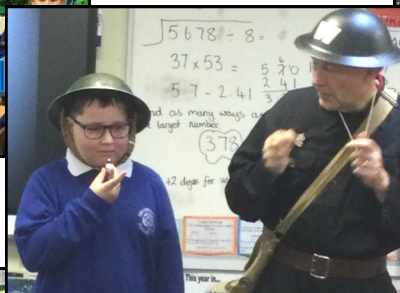
Our school day starts at 8:45am. Children may enter the school site from 8:30am.

YEAR 6 - World War 2 Visitor

Year 6 were very lucky to have a visitor into school teaching them all about World War 2 last week. He taught them about evacuation, rationing, the home guard drill and what to do when the air raid siren is heard. They also got to handle lots of WW2 artefacts and their visitor told them his own family's stories about the war from a German perspective.



"I really enjoyed what I learnt today and now I know more about what happened in the war" - Mason



"I have enjoyed EVERYTHING." - Zane



"I have loved learning about World War 2 from both perspectives and hearing stories of the real people that were involved." - Holly

Year1 - Victorian Day



Academic Year 2021-2022

Year 5 Planetarium

Y2 Police Visit

Year 5 Assembly

EYFS Carpet Time Phonics

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Children In Need

Grandparents Lunch

Open Morning for New Starters

R-Y2 Pantomime

Y3-Y6 Pantomime

EYFS Christmas Performance

Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance

Y3 & Y4 Christmas Performance

Y5 & Y6 Christmas Performance

Non School Uniform and

Christmas Jumper Day

Term Ends for Christmas 1 pm

Monday 15th November

Tuesday 16th November

Thursday 18th November

Thursday 18th November

Friday 19th November

Friday 19th November

Friday 19th November

Friday 26th November

Thursday 2nd December

Tuesday 7th December

Thursday 9th December

Friday 10th December

Monday 13th December

Tuesday 14th December

Friday 17th December

Spring Term 2022

Staff Inset Day

Children Return to School

Y4 Assembly

Half Term (1 week)

Professional Development Day

Parents Evening

Parents Evening

Y3 Assembly

Grandparents Lunch

Easter Hats/Eggs

Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)

Tuesday 4th January

Wednesday 5th January

Thursday 20th January

Monday 21st February

Monday 28th February

Tuesday 8th March

Wednesday 9th March

Thursday 17th March

Friday 18th March

Friday 8th April

Friday 8th April

These dates may be subject to change if necessary.

Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.

Please note the early finish on 17th December 2021 and 21st July 2022. If this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.

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We have currently raised £385.35 for our chosen charity

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Children's Weekly Spelling Challenge:

We invite children to try out our new weekly feature, a spelling challenge. This week the challenge is.....

ABC Order

Write all of your spelling words in alphabetical (ABC) order.



M42 Closure

The M42 will be closed between Junction 9 and 10 (northbound and southbound) for 7 days.

This will take place from 9pm Friday 24th December to 9pm Friday 31st December. This is to facilitate BBV to complete works

that will enable the Marston Box bridge to be moved into position in winter 2022. This is for the HS2 railway. A clearly signed diversion route will be in place over this period with advance signage in place to help remind motorists of the closure. You can still get to where you need to go but you will need to follow the diversion, plan ahead and leave more time for journeys. For more information please visit www.hs2.org.uk/marston-box or click on the link below:

<https://www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/local-community-webpages/hs2-in-warwickshire/marston-box-rail-bridge-crossing-over-the-m42/>

M42 Junction 9-10 closure
From December 2021

Diversion in place Please plan ahead



Breakfast and After School Club

Spaces Available!

For more information

please email Birchwood Pre-school

Birchwoodpreschool@welearn365.com

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